

2.1 AREA “A”

This area consists of approximately 13,500 acres of NFS lands. Forest Service multiple-use management is not applied in this area. However, Forest Service management activities will be conducted for specific resource needs. Area “A” is the primary area of use for military activities and is closed to the public. Military training activities may be conducted year-round in this area. Coordination between the Forest Service and the holder is required for resource management activities. Area “A” is typically called the “impact area” by the holder and is bounded by the following NFS roads: Forest Service Road 310, Forest Service Road 35000, Forest Service Road 305, Forest Service Road 304, and Forest Service Road 369B.

2.2 AREA “B”

This area consists of approximately 8,359 acres of NFS lands on which the Forest Service conducts multiple-use management activities. Area “B” is immediately north of Area “A” and is typically called the “small tank fan area” by the holder. The following describes the boundary of this area: begin at the intersection of Forest Service Road 305 and Forest Service Road 304 on a northward bearing to the intersection of Forest Service Road 366; proceed northward to the Township line between Township 2 North and Township 3 North; go westward meandering along the Township line to the intersection of Forest Service Road 310; go southward along Forest Service Road 310 to the intersection of Forest Service Road 304; and go eastward along Forest Service Road 304 to the starting point.

2.3 AREA “C”

This area consists of approximately 41,335 acres of NFS lands on which the Forest Service conducts multiple-use management activities. Area “C” is designated as that portion of the permit area that lies north of County Road 302, (also known as Paret Tower Road), and west of County Road 303, (also known as the Eight Mile Road), excluding the two areas in the above clauses described as Area “A” and area “B”.

2.4 AREA “D”

This area consists of approximately 63,977 acres of NFS lands on which the Forest Service conducts multiple-use management activities. Area “D” lies south of County Road 302, also known as Paret Tower Road, and east of County Road 303, also known as the Eight Mile Road.

During “Normal Operation” of CSTS during peacetime or Non-MOB status...

Area “A”- No scheduling for military training is required for the use of National Forest System land in area “A”. The area is closed to public access and resource activities are not routinely conducted in this area. Therefore, military training activities will not normally present a conflict with Forest Service contractors or with Forest users. When Forest Service resource activities are required within a certain portion of area “A”

Areas “B” and “C”- The timeframe of May 1, through August 31 is typically referred to as (AT) annual training periods. Weekends, (1300 Friday to 1700 Sunday) is typically referred to as (IDT) inactive duty training periods. The holder may schedule the use of National Forest System land in areas B, and C, for the use of military training exercises during either AT or IDT training, without written approval from the Forest Service.

Camp Shelby is an active mobilization center for troops deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq. The Op Tempo of training has increased to support this mission. Line officer authorization to operate Areas B and C as if AT was continuous was given during MOB status. Thus more fan closures and range use are authorized without prior approval .

3.1.10 Reserved and Outstanding Mineral Rights in the Permit Area

Approximately 3,381 acres of NFS lands in the permit area are subject to reserved or outstanding mineral rights. A map showing the location of these rights is on file in the De Soto National Forest Supervisor’s Office. Nothing in the permit or operating plan abridges these rights or authorizes preventing or obstructing the reasonable exercise of these rights. The Forest Service shall notify the holder of any proposals to exercise reserved or outstanding mineral rights in the permit area.

3.1.11 Oil and gas Exploration and Development in the Permit Area

Proposals to explore and develop oil and gas in the permit area are not subject to the holder’s approval. Rather, leasing of NFS lands for oil and gas exploration and development is regulated by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service. Provisions allowing for military activities have been incorporated into the standard lease for oil and gas exploration and development in the permit area. However, older leases for oil and gas exploration in the permit area may not contain these clauses.

The added provisions state that the lessee shall not conduct exploratory activities on the leased lands during a continuous three-month period each year, typically but not necessarily May 15 through August 30, and during additional periods totaling not more than 20 days, unless the Forest Service coordinates the proposed exploratory activities with the holder and approves them. The added provisions also require the Forest Service to approve the periods when exploratory activities are restricted. In addition, the

provisions identify areas that are off limits to surface activities related to oil and gas drilling and production and areas where these surface activities will be strictly controlled.

Long-term use of certain portions of the permit area, which might impede oil and gas exploration and development, shall not be authorized.